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1. This opinion contains indications relating to the following items:

- ☒ Box No. I Basis of the opinion
- ☐ Box No. II Priority
- ☐ Box No. III Non-establishment of opinion with regard to novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability
- ☐ Box No. IV Lack of unity of invention
- ☒ Box No. V Reasoned statement under Rule 43bis.1(a)(i) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement
- ☐ Box No. VI Certain documents cited
- ☐ Box No. VII Certain defects in the international application
- ☐ Box No. VIII Certain observations on the international application

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Box No. I. Basis of this opinion

1. With regard to the **language**, this opinion has been established on the basis of the international application in the language in which it was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.
- ☐ This opinion has been established on the basis of a translation from the original language into the following language , which is the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of international search (under Rules 12.3 and 23.1(b)).
2. With regard to any **nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence** disclosed in the international application and necessary to the claimed invention, this opinion has been established on the basis of:
- a. type of material
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- ☐ table(s) related to the sequence listing
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4. Additional comments:

Box No. V Reasoned statement under Rule 43bis.1(a)(i) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement

Statement

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| Novelty (N) | Yes: | Claims | 2,4-13 |
| | No: | Claims | 1,3 |
| Inventive Step (IS) | Yes: | Claims | 2,4-8,11-13 |
| | No: | Claims | 1,3,9,10 |
| Industrial Applicability (IA) | Yes: | Claims | 1-13 |
| | No: | Claims | |

2. Citations and explanations

see supplementary sheet

The following documents are referred to in this report:

- D1: DE 196 04 564 A (TELEGÄRTNER KARL GÄRTNER GMBH) 6 March 1997 (1997-03-06)
- D2: GB 2 300 764 A (CHUANG MIN-SHAN) 13 November 1996 (1996-11-13)
- D3: EP 1 170 842 A (LEGRAND) 9 January 2002 (2002-01-09)

1. INDEPENDENT CLAIM 1

The present application does not satisfy the requirements of PCT Article 33(1) because the subject matter of claim 1 is not novel in the sense of PCT Article 33(2). The document D1 discloses (the references in brackets relate to Figure 1 of this document):

A wall outlet, having a lower part (11) with at least one first opening (43) for holding an electrical cable (36) and having a cover (13), with the cover having at least one second opening (64), into which an electrical socket (15) can be inserted, characterized in that a cable routing element (25) is arranged in the lower part, by means of which the electrical cable can be routed in a defined manner from the first opening to the second opening.

2. DEPENDENT CLAIMS 3, 9, 10

Claims 3, 9, 10 contain no features which in combination with the features of any claim to which they relate satisfy the PCT requirements with regard to novelty or inventive step. In this context, see the documents D2 and D3.